

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A computer implemented method for servicing client requests, comprising:  
2           receiving multiple associated client requests;  
3           in response to each of said associated client requests:  
4                 invoking an application;  
5                 determining, based upon said application, a session manager to  
6                 associate with said application; and  
7                 invoking said session manager to manage state information for said  
8                 application across said multiple associated client requests.

1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein said session manager is invoked via a  
2           programming interface.

1           3.       The method of claim 2, wherein said programming interface comprises a  
2           definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a subclass of said  
3           abstract class.

1           4.       The method of claim 3, wherein said session manager comprises an  
2           implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein said session  
3           manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation provided by said  
4           session manager.

1           5.       The method of claim 1, wherein said associated client requests are  
2           associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1           6.       The method of claim 1, wherein determining a session manager to  
2   associate with said application comprises:  
3           accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session  
4   manager to associate with said application.

1           7.       An apparatus for servicing client requests, comprising:  
2           a mechanism for receiving multiple associated client requests; and  
3           a mechanism for responding to each of said associated client requests by:  
4           invoking an application;  
5           determining, based upon said application, a session manager to  
6           associate with said application; and  
7           invoking said session manager to manage state information for said  
8           application across said multiple associated client requests.

1           8.       The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said apparatus further comprises a  
2   programming interface, and wherein said session manager is invoked via said  
3   programming interface.

1           9.       The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said programming interface comprises a  
2   definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a subclass of said  
3   abstract class.

1           10.      The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said session manager comprises an  
2   implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein said session

3 manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation provided by said  
4 session manager.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said associated client requests are  
2 associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein determining a session manager to  
2 associate with said application comprises:  
3 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session  
4 manager to associate with said application.

1 13. A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,  
2 when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to service  
3 client requests, said computer readable medium comprising:  
4 instructions for causing one or more processors to receive multiple associated  
5 client requests; and  
6 instructions for causing one or more processors to respond to each of said  
7 associated client requests by:  
8 invoking an application;  
9 determining, based upon said application, a session manager to  
10 associate with said application; and  
11 invoking said session manager to manage state information for said  
12 application across said multiple associated client requests.

1           14.     The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said session manager  
2     is invoked via a programming interface.

1           15.     The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein said programming  
2     interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a  
3     subclass of said abstract class.

1           16.     The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said session manager  
2     comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein  
3     said session manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation  
4     provided by said session manager.

1           17.     The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said associated client  
2     requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1           18.     The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein determining a  
2     session manager to associate with said application comprises:  
3                 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session  
4     manager to associate with said application.